

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 7, 2014 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Ken Masters, Mark Bacon; Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and welcomed the audience to the new Commissioner's Chambers formerly the Assembly Room. Chuck Kemker and the CERT team members were thanked for making the move possible. Minutes of the meeting of March 24th were approved on a motion by Ken Masters and seconded by Mark Bacon. Minutes of the meeting conducted on March 28th were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters.

ASSESSOR

Mary Ann Bridges, Assessor requested that the Commissioners sign the cyclical reassessment contract with Nexus. Mark Bacon moved to sign the contract. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMA

EMA director Chuck Kemker requested permission to apply for a grant that would allow for the upgrade of 14 E.F. Johnson radios. Mark Bacon moved to approve the action. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TAX SALE PROPERTIES

The board received a request from city attorney Julie Newhouse to remove taxes, penalties and fees from the 18 properties. The city acquired these parcels by tax sale certificate from the county after the last tax sale. The city will petition to acquire the deeds to the properties of the unoccupied parcels. Mark Bacon instructed the auditor to remove the taxes, penalties, and fees on the parcels for which the city will take deed. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR PAVEY

Mayor Mike Pavey presented a list of parcels that are owned by the State of Indiana that could be a part of a "rails to trails" project for the county. After much discussion, Ken Masters moved to sign the planning document that begins the process of transferring the state owned property to the city for a trail project. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Bruce Levi abstained.

The Mayor also introduced his perception of a combined City/County Planning Department. Commissioner Levi stated that the county can find no document where the county assumed the authority of enforcing the city planning and zoning rules.

AREA PLAN

Marvin Rees, Surveyor is serving as the interim APC director. The hours of the APC office were discussed. The Area Plan Board requested permission to hire a new director. Mark Bacon made the motion to delay the hiring for 30 days. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported that after the arrest of 24 people during a drug raid, the inmate population is currently 52. Sherwood requested the Commissions sign the titles of the 3 retiring vehicles that will be traded in. Ken Masters moved to sign the titles with Mark Bacon offering a second. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Jerry Sitton submitted the monthly report for the Highway Department. Sitton's department was thanked for hauling large trash items from the courthouse. The county will apply for federal funds to rehabilitate 2 bridges in 2017.

LAWN CARE

The Auditor received a quote for \$183.00 per treatment from Pro Green of New Castle for lawn care of the Courthouse yard. Ken Masters moved to hire Pro Green to apply 3 treatments to the grass. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMS REPORTS

Monthly reports were received from Raleigh, Milroy, Carthage and Rush Memorial Hospital emergency providers. Verlin Custer presented Raleigh's annual report.

Bi-weekly claims were approved by Mark Bacon with Ken Masters offering a second. Payroll claims were signed on a motion by Ken Masters. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Mark Bacon moved to adjourn. Ken Masters offered a second. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor